

### DECLARATION OR OATH

- ☒ Continuation or Divisional (copy of original Declaration/Oath is attached)
- ☐ Continuation-in-part
- ☐ Attached, and executed by:
- ☐ inventor(s)
- ☐ legal representative of inventor(s) (37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43)
- ☐ joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest for inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached (37 CFR 1.47)
- ☐ This is the petition required by 37 CFR 1.47 and the statement required by 37 CFR 1.47 is also attached.
- ☐ Not attached
- ☐ Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41(c) on behalf of all of the above-named applicant(s).
- ☐ Attached is a showing that the filing is authorized.

### IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS FOR FURTHER PROSECUTION

- ☒ The fees to be charged are to be based on the number of claims remaining as a result of the:
- ☐ attached preliminary amendment
- ☐ cancellation of claim(s)
- ☒ claims in the application

### FEE CALCULATION (37 CFR 1.16)

	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED	LESS NUMBER PAID BY BASIC FEE	NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS (Not less than zero)	ENTITY FEE
Basic Fee				\$750.00
Total Claims	20	- 20 = 0	X \$0 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	- 3 = 0	X \$0=	\$0.00

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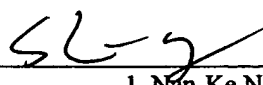
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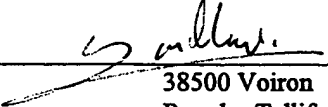
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